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"I will strive to economics State funds by prescribing fower unnecessary drugs", and "I will not use so much electricity in my laboratory next year". In neglecting the serious and important problems of research and pedagogy while dashing off in shrill pursuit of goals which are marginal or spurious, the Party increases its psychological isolation from the majority of the teachers and students of the Faculty. It also betrays the essential shallowness of its professed dedication to the causes of science and education.

Political Personalities

Docent TRAVNICEK (fm) became Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in 1955 or 1956. Ever since, the Dean has played a double role, being not only the Faculty administrative head but also its outstanding Communist personality. Although he held no function in the basic party organization for the theoretical institutes

Travnicek is generally believed to

occupy some higher Party office.

Travnicek was standing only one person removed to the right of President NOVOTNY in the reviewing stand for the 1958 May Day person. Since such an honor would hardly have been accorded to the Dean of a medical school in his academic capacity alone.

Travnicek's placement in the official lineup on this occasion was an indication of his importance in the Party.

The second most influential Party figure is Professor FUCIK (fnm). Although Fucik in the titular head of one of the clinical institutes, his most important duties are those connected with his position as prorektor. It would be misleading to translate this title as "Vice Rector", time the impression would thereby be created that Fucik ranks next after the Rector of the University and shead of the Dean of a Faculty. Actually, Fucik has much less authority than Dean Travnicak, and his function as prorektor consists of maintaining political liaison between the University administration and the Faculty of Medicine. He divides his time between rektorat and debanat, maintaining an office in both places. It is probable that Fucik was given the title prorektor to distinguish him from the two procedure, or Vice-Deans, REINIS (fnm) and RESJEK (fnm), whose duties are scholarly rather than political. Fucik is also a Deputy to the Czechoslovak Mational Assembly.

The third most powerful Communist in the Faculty of Medicine is MARSALKOVA (fmm), a woman graduate engineer. As the more important of the two Secretaries of the <u>decenat</u>, Marsalkova acts as the Desn's general overseer and "whip", maintaining constant supervision and control over all programs except research and studies. (Student natters are handled by the other Secretary, Doctor of Jurisprudence DUFFEK (fmm.)) Marsalkova's husband (nm) is rumored to hold an important Party post elsewhere. He is not a member of the Faculty of Medicine.

two other individuals, in addition to Dean Travnicek, cocupy Party office at a higher level than that of the basic party organization.

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One is RASKOVA (fnu), woman Professor of Pharmacology and Chief of the Pharmacological Institute of the Pediatrics Faculty.

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The other person is Dr. KLIKA (fmu), Assistant of the Histological Institute and Chairman of the entire ROH organization for the theoretical institutes. Klika has some higher Party function because, though wellknown as an activist, Klika was rarely seen at meetings of the basic party organization for the theoretical institutes, to which they both belonged.

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Other prominent personalities of the basic party organization for the theoretical institutes

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were the followings

- Dr. BILEK (fmu), Assistant of the Physiological Institute. Bilek left the Faculty of Medicine in or about 1954 and is now believed to hold an important post in the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- Drs. SOBEK (fnu), NEDVED (fnu), and TUCEK (fnu), all Assistants of the Institute of Medical Physics. These men, who were Boctors of Natural Sciences rather than Doctors of Medicine, left the Faculty of Medicine for an unknown destination sometime during the period 1954-55. Because of the secrecy surrounding their departure,

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- they may have undertaken research work of a classified nature, possibly in the field of nuclear physics, Sobek was Chairman of the basic party organization in 1955, and all three men were known as earnest communists.
- Dr. STARK (fnu) Assistant of the Biological Institute Stark had probably been chairman of the basic narty

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- organization in 1954
- Dr. Maunilian WENKE, Assistant (now Docent) of the Institute of Pharmacology of the Faculty of General Medicine.
- Dr. MYSLIVECEK (fnu), Assistant (now Pocent) of the Physiological Institute
- Dr. VANECIM (fnu), Assistant (now Bocent) of the Second Institute of Pathological Anatomy.
- Dr. MRAUS (fnu), Assistant of either the Histological or Embryological Institute.
- Dr. Ctirad JOHN, Assistant (now Docent) of the Microbiological Institute. John was chairman of the basic party organization in 1955.

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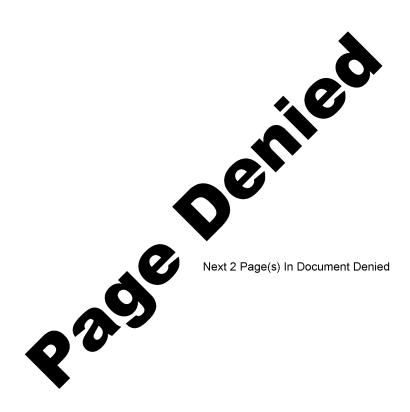
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factory, enterprise, or educational institution in Czechoslovakia, the Special Political Unit, functioning as a security records and liaison office, is a key instrument of communist control. The two officials who staffed the Special Political Unit in the Faculty of Medicine, because they were relatively uneducated and unskilled men with working-class backgrounds, contrasted rather sharpy with the highly qualified professional people whose political dossiers they maintained. Thus, in addition to the unpopularity which the nature of their work inevitably entailed, these particular Party functionaries suffered from feelings of social inferiority and also - especially during the "than" period - from a real fear of being thrown out of their jobs. Their sense of insecurity was quite apparent, and a perceptive cutsider could interpret the state of the morale of these officials as a sensitive barometer of political change.

After February 1956, and prior to the fall of 1957, the staff of the Special Political Unit seemed to be trying to work both sides of the street. On the one hand, they had to maintain sufficient "socialist vigilance" to satisfy their superiors in the Party command; on the other hand, however, they were generally careful to maintain a polite and at times even an obsequious attitude toward non-communist physicians and professors who might some day be in a position to demand that they be fired. Once the Sputniks were in orbit, these officials also regained their sense of emipotence, and their attitude toward their "clients" toughened correspondingly.

In the spring of 1950, reports of a cistka, or general housecleaning of 25X1 suspected anti-regime elements, were current in Prague. several cases of non-communist professional people, including two distinguished chemists, who were dismissed from their positions during the first half of the year. Rumor had it that the cistka would progress gradually throughout Charles University, accomplishing its mission in one Faculty after another. However. the "housecleaning" of the Faculty of Medicine, supposedly scheduled for the 25X1 summer of 1958, had not materialized the drive had lost much of its momentum by that time. 25X1 Nevertheless, the general trend of events in post-Sputnik Czechoslovakia had in the process of regaining its nerve and muscle, could only be poor. and that the outlook 25X1 Commence of the formations

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